



PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

Akira YAMASHITA

Application No.: 10/658,364

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For: METAL CAP

Attorney Docket No.: AKY-0009

Examiner: L. M. Ngo

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed and in response to the final Office Action dated July 14, 2005, the period for response being extended to November 14, 2005, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-8 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claim 8 is added.

**II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS**

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

**III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

(There are no amendments to the specification)